

Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD) Self-Advocate and Family Gathering

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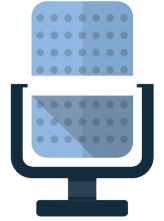
November 4, 2020

Agenda

- Limited Supports Waiver (LSW) Updates
- Waiting List Updates
- Employment Preparation Services (EPR)
- COVID-19 Updates
- Question and Answer Session

Housekeeping

- This meeting is being recorded
- Please mute your microphone
- Recording and PowerPoint will be available early next week at



dspd.utah.gov/resources/meeting-dates-and-materials/

• Questions? Type into chat or email dspdinfo@utah.gov

Free or Low-Cost Flu Vaccines



- Adults:
 - dspd.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Adult-Flu-Vaccine-Initiative-Providers.xlsx
- Children: Utah Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program
 - immunize.utah.gov/vaccines-for-children-program/

Take Your Legislator to Work Program

- Raise awareness that individuals with disabilities can participate in gainful employment and have a meaningful job in the community
- Utah Developmental Disabilities Council (UDDC)
 - <https://www.utahddcouncil.org/take-your-legislator-to-work>



Limited Supports Waiver (LSW) Updates

- Will offer a variety of services to 30 - 40 more individuals in Fiscal Year 2021
 - Hoping for implementation by February 2021
- Individual Spending Caps
- Adjusted critical needs score
 - Time spent waiting will be used to determine order of enrollment

Waiting List Updates

- Updating Intake Packet language so it is clear at what point an individual is actually on the waiting list
- Completion of the annual survey and updates to the NAQ will be done through a phone call instead of a mailed survey
- Option of a virtual meeting with your wait list worker instead of a phone call

Waiting List Resources



Utah Parent Center

www.utahparentcenter.org

Family to Family Network

[https://utahparentcenter.org/
projects/family-to-family/](https://utahparentcenter.org/projects/family-to-family/)

Definitions

- Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE)
- Sheltered Workshop Model
- Day Services
- Supported Employment
- Community

Employment Preparation Services (EPR)

EPR provides individualized learning and work experience for individuals to develop general strengths and prevocational skills that contribute to employability in Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE)

EPR separates prevocational skill training, such as sheltered workshops/subminimum wage work, from day services and supported employment

Why Employment Preparation Services (EPR)?

- Employment First
- Input from stakeholders, such as families, self-advocates, providers, etc.

- Individual Choice
- Bridge toward Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE)

- Comply with CMS Guidance
- 42 CFR 180



Details of EPR

- CIE Goal
- 20% integration
- Staff Training
- Time-Limited Service: 24 months
 - If extension or other accommodation is needed, Support Coordinators are encouraged to submit a request

When is EPR Recommended?

- An individual is interested in employment and would like to develop a general employment skill before actively pursuing CIE
- An individual is not sure if they want to pursue employment and would like some experience and options for developing skills and interests in employment

What is Next?

- New opportunities as a result of COVID-19 and EPR
- Working with Office of Quality and Design (OQD) and providers on a 6-month EPR Transition Plan
- More guidance for individuals, parents, providers and Support Coordinators on EPR

COVID-19 Updates: Caregiver Compensation

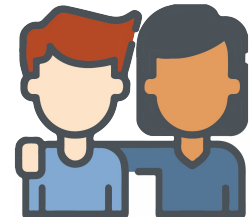
- Extended through January 26, 2021 (end of Appendix K allowances)
 - Individuals who have not used Caregiver Compensation, but meet the criteria, may still apply for this service before the end date

<https://dspd.utah.gov/covid-19-information/>



COVID-19 Updates: Wait List C.A.R.E.S.

- \$7.4 million in Federal C.A.R.E.S. Act funding
 - Temporary one-time services for individuals on the DSPD waiting list available from 9/2020 - 12/30/2020
 - Caregiver compensation and/or one-time respite services; Personal Protective Equipment (PPE); Assistive Technology; Meals on Wheels

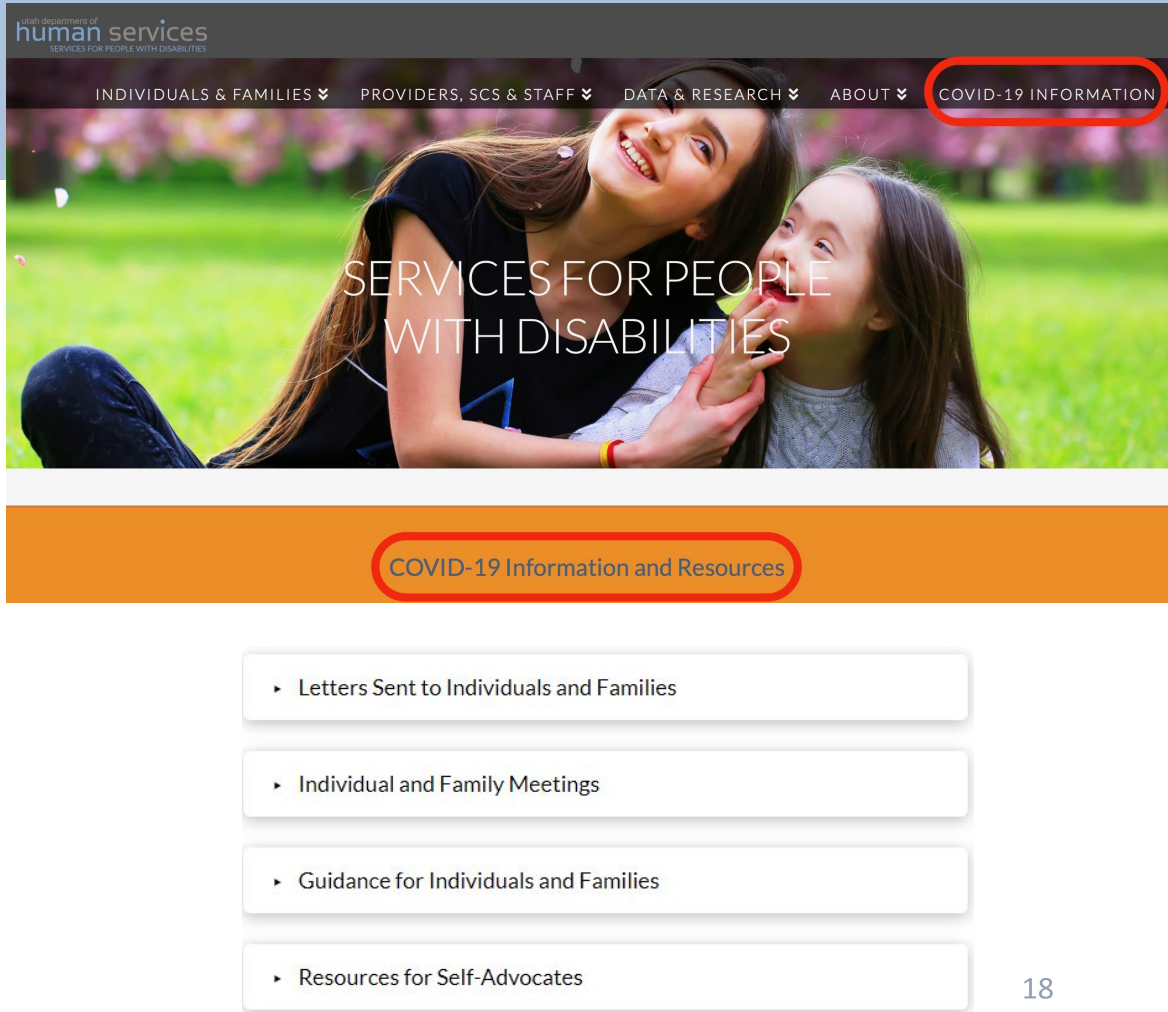


Caregiver Compensation under Wait List C.A.R.E.S.

- Time cards need to be submitted to DSPD caseworker
- Services are only available until 12/30/2020
- Caregivers do not need to have a background check
- Questions can be answered by the Utah Parent Center at utcares@utahparentcenter.org or 801-272-1051

COVID-19 Updates

- Virtual Visits
- Guidance Documents on DSPD COVID-19 Webpage



The screenshot displays the Utah Department of Human Services website. The header includes the logo and navigation links: INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES, PROVIDERS, SCS & STAFF, DATA & RESEARCH, ABOUT, and COVID-19 INFORMATION (highlighted with a red circle). The main banner features a photo of a woman and a child with the text "SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES". Below the banner, an orange bar contains the link "COVID-19 Information and Resources" (highlighted with a red circle). A list of resources is shown in white boxes:

- ▶ Letters Sent to Individuals and Families
- ▶ Individual and Family Meetings
- ▶ Guidance for Individuals and Families
- ▶ Resources for Self-Advocates



Q&A

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Next Quarterly Self-Advocate and Family Gathering

- February 2021

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RESOURCES

Self-Advocate and Family Informational Gatherings

Find a Support Coordinator

Find a Provider

Find a Community Engagement Resource

Emergency Preparedness